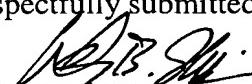


REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to cancelled combined subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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3. (Amended) Phenylcyclohexanes according to ~~at least one of claims~~ claim 1 to 2, characterized in that Y = Z = H.

4. (Amended) Phenylcyclohexanes according to ~~at least one of claims~~ claim 1 to 2, characterized in that Y = F and Z = H or F.

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